

Press Conference Regarding SB 1254

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This morning the State Board of Education unanimously passed a motion to oppose Senate Bill 1254.

This affirms previous actions of the Board with respect to regulation of firearms on public higher education campuses.

The Board is concerned about losing the ability to effectively govern campuses including listening to our law enforcement professionals about the best strategies to protect students.

Campuses are currently among the safest places in our society.

Our campuses host day care centers and elementary and high school students by the thousands who engage in a variety of educational activities.

The Board remains committed to continually refining policies and procedures that ensure the safety of students as well as the safety of our universities' staff and faculty.

We are pleased today to have all eight of our public higher education presidents. They all take their responsibility for campus safety extremely seriously.

I'd like to introduce the Chair of our president's Council, President Don Burnett of the University of Idaho.